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1. A card game for a dealer and at least one imaginary or real player receiving cards from the dealer, the game comprising a playing surface having at least two sides, one or more designated player betting zones along one side of the surface, where participants can bet on the player winning, one or more designated dealer betting zones along an opposite side of the surface where the participants can bet on the dealer winning, and one or more further betting zones associated with respective player and dealer betting zones, the or each said further betting zones being designated for a preominated or paramount winning hand for participants to place bets thereon, and in use one or each participant places a bet on one or more of the betting zones and a dealer deals from one or more packs of cards cards for the player and the dealer in a manner according to card game rules, on completion of a hand participants are paid according to winning bets made and according to the game rules.

2. The card game according to claim 1 wherein the surface has one or more tie zones for participants to place bets thereon so that a winning bet takes place when the dealer hand and the player hand are tied.

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3. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 2~~ wherein said further betting zones including one or more preominated or paramount winning zones for the dealer and one or more preominated or paramount winning zones for the player.

4. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the preominated winning hand is "Blackjack" in the game of that name.

5. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ wherein the playing surface is divided into sectors and each sector has one player betting zone, one dealer betting zone and a preominated or paramount winning hand betting zone associated with each said player betting zone and dealer betting zone.

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6. The card game according to claim 5 wherein each said sector has one or more tie zones.

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7. The card game according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~ wherein a predetermined odd is allocated to each said tie zone and/or each said preominated or paramount winning hand betting zones.

8. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ wherein the surface has a player card position and a dealer card position, and the cards for the player hand and the dealer hand are respectively placed in the player card position and the dealer card position.

5 9. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ wherein the cards including one or more sets of numbered cards, one or more sets of picture cards and at least one set of "Ace" cards, and each numbered card having a value from 2 to 10, each picture card being designated the value of 10, and each "Ace" card being selectively counted as the value of 1 or 11.

10 10. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ wherein for the game rules a bet on one of the player betting zones or on one of the dealer betting zones is a winning bet when the player hand or the dealer hand has a cumulative card values closest to 21 or has a Blackjack; and a bet on one of said further betting zones associated with the player betting zones or the dealer zones is a winning bet when the player hand or the dealer hand has said preominated or paramount winning hand.

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11. The card game according to claim 10 wherein a card is given to each said player hand and the dealer hand and the player hand must draw a card when its card value or cumulative card value is under 17; when the player hand having a
20 Blackjack hand the player hand is either immediately declared a winning hand, or is declared a winning hand only if the dealer hand does not have a Blackjack hand; when the player hand having a cumulative card value exceeding 21 the dealer hand is either immediately declared a winning hand, or is required to draw a card at a time until having a cumulative card value of at least 17 and not exceeding 21.

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12. The card game according to claim 10 ~~or 11~~ wherein where both the player hand and the dealer hand have respectively cumulative card values exceeding 21 the hand having a value closest to 21 is declared the winning hand or alternatively a tie is declared.

13. The card game according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ wherein the game is
30 played at a game table or on an electronic medium including an interactive

video and/or audio medium such as a television network, a computer network and any other suitable communications network.

14. The card game according to claim 13 wherein said computer network is the Internet or an intranet of networked computers.